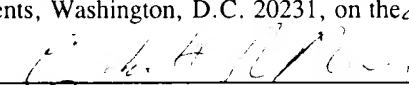


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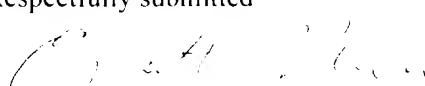
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 18) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 24, 1997. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 13-14, 16-18 and 21-30, drawn to peptides bearing a boroProlyl moiety at the C-terminus, classified in e.g., 514/19. Pursuant to the further request for an election of species, Applicants elect the following specific compound: L-Pro-L-boroPro. Support for this specific species is found at least on page 21 of the application as filed. The species election of a specific compound with all substituent variables accounted for is made for search purposes and, upon allowance as a generic claim which embraces this species. Applicants reserve their right to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

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